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| WEEK DAY                                 |  |
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| 7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. every 15 minutes  |  |
| 8.00 " 8.30 " 10 "                       |  |
| 9.30 " 11.00 " 15 "                      |  |
| 11.30 " 12.00 noon 15 "                  |  |
| 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. 15 "             |  |
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| HOLIDAY                                  |  |
| 8.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. every 30 minutes  |  |
| 9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 30 minutes |  |
| 11.45 p.m. to 12.00 a.m. 15 "            |  |
| SUNDAY                                   |  |
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## GOLF NOTES.

[BY ZODIAC.]

The Interport representatives of both teams were hard at practice during the week-end. A special prize for the best 18-hole medal round, from scratch, was presented by Mr. T. W. Hill and played for on Sunday. It was very gratifying to the supporters of the Hongkong men to see it won by Mr. R. L. D. Wodehouse, with the very good score of 79, with Mr. T. W. Hill second with 81. If these two players can produce this form in to-day's match, then Hongkong's chances of retaining the Cup look particularly rosy. The Shanghai team is a good team from first to last, but, as I predicted, they find the putting extremely difficult at Fanling, after the Shanghai greens, and it is in this department of the game that our men should prove superior. The first pair, Col. Marr Johnson v. Mr. T. W. Hill drive off at 9.50 in the morning, and the tee is reserved to 10.32. In the afternoon the first pair drive off at 1.50, the tee being reserved to 2.32 p.m.

I do not know the exact number of players who visited Fanling on Sunday last, but it must have been in the vicinity of a record figure. It was also apparent that some new rule will have to be made to ease the congestion. I doubt whether any players on the old course did their afternoon round under 3 hours, and I know several players were well over the three hours. It will be extremely difficult to form a rule, fair to all, to overcome this difficulty. One way which would probably help, would be to forbid three and fourball matches, on the old course, during the week-end. Another way would be to allow players to have only one round over the old course, on Sundays. However, one thing is certain, the Committee must do something before the commencement of another season. I believe a great number of players would be pleased to see fourball matches forbidden; the majority play fourball matches on Sunday afternoon in self-defence, not because they prefer it to a single.

There has been a difference of opinion as to where the War Memorial stone should be placed. The Committee have suggested two sites—one, on the pathway leading from the 18th green on the old course, to the Clubhouse; the other, on the rock between the two tees for the third hole, on the old course. The final choice rests with the members, who are asked to signify their wishes on a notice, which is lying on the table in the men's Clubhouse. I understand the latter position was suggested, as the monument to be erected was considered too paltry to commemorate such a noble sacrifice. As an ex-Service man, I feel I am voicing the views of all who fought in the Great War when I say that the solid block of Hongkong granite is more impressive, and meets the case far better than a more elaborate structure. Let us then have our memorial where it can be seen from the Clubhouse.

Mr. K. S. Morrison has kindly presented a Cup for competition amongst the ladies. It is for the best electric card over the first 9 holes of the new course, during the month of February. Competitors must drive from the men's tees.

Last week I made an error in presuming that, in addition to the new golfers' train, from Kowloon at 8.35 a.m., on Sundays and holidays, the 8.7 a.m. train would also be available. I see, owing to the heavy traffic, the Railway Co. are unable to do this.

There was an article recently in one of the home papers regarding the standard ball. It was pointed out that comparatively few players were using the standard ball, and also, that manufacturers were continuing to make balls that will not meet the necessary requirements. The same state of affairs apparently reigns in this Colony. After the first of May next we shall not be eligible to compete in a competition, unless we play with a standard ball, or unless the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club choose to disregard the ruling of the Royal and Ancient Club, which I sincerely trust they will not do. Under the circumstances standard balls ought to be on order now to give us a chance of getting used to them. Manufacturers are very conservative as a rule, and unless Clubs insist on having standard balls, they will carry on as before, and we shall find, especially in the Far East, that standard balls are as difficult to obtain as a golden sovereign.

It is some considerable time since the Rules of Golf Committee amended the rule about the lost ball. It would be as well, if our Committee adopted this amendment without further delay. I have already come across one player at Fanling, who was anxious to make use of this new rule, and it was with some difficulty that I was eventually able to persuade him that he could not do so.

# COMPANY MEETING.

## HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

### INCREASING OVERHEAD CHARGES.

#### IMPROVED RATES OF PAY, AND A PENSION FUND.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Ltd., was held at the offices of the Company in Hongkong yesterday morning. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr (Chairman of the Company) presided and there were present: Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Mr. W. E. Clarke (directors), Mr. John Arnold (secretary), Messrs. Chaw Tsun Nin, Chaw Sui Ki, J. J. Lossius, A. Crapnell, A. W. Smith, Li Yuk Tong, N. V. A. Croucher, M. S. Northcote, and A. S. Ellis.

The SECRETARY read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts have been in your hands some days, and with your permission, I will, as customary, take them as read. The year that has passed has been a difficult one generally for the business community. The transit from War to Peace has not been easy, and as one of our leading statesmen has said, "We have overcome the dangers of War; we have still to overcome the dangers of Peace." Notwithstanding, however, the difficulties of the general situation and continued political unrest in the neighbouring provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, and the consequent trade depression, if you will turn to the balance sheet in your hands, you will, I think, agree with me that the progress we show, and the results we have achieved are not unsatisfactory. The net profit on working for the year under review amounts to \$300,569.17 as against \$278,383.70 last year, and including the interest on investments, and the proposed transfer from investment fluctuation account, there is an amount of \$373,145.92 available for distribution. The dividend your directors have thought right to declare is the same as for 1919 and they recommend an increase in the bonus to shareholders, but the difference in the sums which have been allocated to contingencies and to the carry forward is very considerable.

You will, I am sure, appreciate the policy of caution which has influenced us in making these appropriations and which is justified not only by the experience of the past, but by the anxiety which must always be present with us owing to the unsettled state of this part of the world, ever increasing competition and higher overhead charges.

Investments stand at \$1,170,932.35 compared with \$1,065,555.30 in last year's balance sheet. This increase is partly due to our usual policy of adjusting the values of our investment stocks to market quotations current on the last day of each year. With the continued decline in the sterling value of the Mexican dollar, the values of most local stocks have been affected and the appreciation for the year amounts to \$120,560.68. In consultation with your auditors we are of the opinion that a credit balance of \$109,282.97 is ample cover for any future depreciation, and we recommend the transfer of \$50,000 to profit and loss account.

Referring again to the balance sheet you will notice that your directors recommend allocating the sum of \$49,877.70 representing \$10,000 (at exchange of 3/2.3-10) to floating staff pension fund. In view of the changed conditions of employment on the China Coast your directors, after careful consideration regarding the Company's earning power, vis a vis increasing competition and the ever-increasing overhead charges, recently deemed it advisable to revise the conditions of service and scale of pay to the European floating staff and to pay the same rate of wages and to grant emoluments similar to the leading British Coasting Companies, the China Navigation Co., Ltd. and the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. As you may be aware, the Companies referred to have recently introduced a pension fund for their floating staffs. Your directors, subject to your approval and sanction, propose inaugurating a pension fund for the European members of the Company's floating staff on similar lines to the Coast Companies and abolishing the officers' provident fund, established with your sanction in 1913. The creation of this fund, the revised conditions of service and improved rates of wages are, your directors consider, desirable steps to take, ensuring the engagement of a reliable type of officer and giving satisfaction to the older and tried servants of the Company. It is our opinion that annual allocations, when possible, should be made to this new fund until it stands at \$240,000 and we trust you will approve of the amount recommended to be set aside to establish same. I desire to mention that during the past year appreciable increases have been made in the wages of the Chinese members of the floating staff.

It is my duty to point out that competition, not only of native-owned steamers but also of the Railway has been keener than ever, and the favourable result placed before you has only been attained by the strictest economy in all departments. You all know how the cost of everything has increased but, even so, the increase in shipping working costs and overhead charges have been staggering. As compared with pre-war costs, running charges for wages, stores and coal have been increased by no less than 250 per cent., repairs and overhauls by 300 per cent., and other charges in many cases by as much as 400 per cent.

At the last annual meeting of shareholders, my predecessor dwelt on the satisfactory results of the system of farming out our native Chinese passenger and freight space on all our steamers, the tenders being advertised in the public Press and adjustable from time to time

with results either for or against the Company. Your directors have now given this system an exhaustive trial of over two years and the results have proved that this method of operating our vessels, eliminating the so-called comprador system, is the only one to ensure the Company receiving correct and adequate returns from the Company's Chinese business. The greatly improved earnings of the past two years substantiate this contention.

The conversion of the property purchased in Canton in 1919 into a bonded godown has been delayed, owing to labour troubles at home and the late arrival of the building material. The constructional material has now arrived and the godown will be completed before the end of the present year.

The continued progress we are able to record for the year under review has been to a great extent due to the same loyal and hearty co-operation on the part of our energetic and capable Secretary, our agents and the members of the shore and floating staff generally. Your Directors recommend a bonus of 20 per cent. in the salaries for the year to the office staff, and feel that this course will have your hearty approval.

I do not think of anything else calling for special comment. I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and, after they have been seconded, shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question in connection therewith which shareholders may desire to ask.

Mr. CHAU SUI KI, who seconded the motion, said:—In rising to second the adoption of the report and accounts, I think I am expressing the satisfaction of all shareholders at the very excellent report which is now before us. We have listened with no inconsiderable interest to the Chairman's concise resume of the Company's affairs. We endorse the Directors' recommendation to create a pension fund for the European members of our floating staff, and I feel sure the shareholders will approve of their proposal to inaugurate this new fund. It is satisfactory to note that the system of farming out the Company's Chinese freight and passenger business continues to show such excellent results. It is gratifying to learn that new contracts on favourable terms for the current year have been secured. The figures placed before us are the best for the past twenty years and are, no doubt, the result of careful and able management, and I am confident that I am voicing the congratulations of all shareholders to the Directors, Secretary and staff, afloat and ashore, upon the great success which has attended their labours. (Applause.)

The confirmation of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak was approved, on the proposition of Mr. A. E. CRAPPELL, seconded by Mr. A. W. SMITH. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Capt. W. E. Clarke were then elected as directors on the motion of Mr. N. V. A. CROUCHER, seconded by Mr. LOSSIUS.

Mr. CHAU TSUN NIN proposed, and Mr. LI YUK TONG seconded, the re-election of Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown as auditors at a remuneration of \$600 each.

The proposition was approved.

This terminated the business.

## COMPANY REPORT.

## UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The report of this Company states:—The general managers have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the Company's accounts made up to December 31st, 1920.

The net profits for the year ended December 31st, 1920, after allowing for Consulting Committee and Auditors' fees, and including \$9,559 brought forward from last account amount to \$78,317.90.

The general managers recommend the payment of a dividend of \$1.25 per share, which will absorb \$34,653.75, write off \$14,304.94 from the value of the water-boats, \$1,400 from the steam launch Diana, \$500 from the value of pipes and staving, transfer to special repairs fund \$9,043.82 and to insurance fund \$10,400 and carry forward a balance of \$5,915.45 to the new account.

Consulting Committee.—Since the last meeting Mr. S. H. Dodwell has left the Colony and his place as Chairman has been taken by Mr. C. M. Dodwell. Messrs. J. W. C. Bonar and W. Adamson have resigned and Messrs. A. O. Lang and R. G. Shewan have joined the Committee.

Auditor.—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A.

## FOUR WEEK-END FIRES.

No fewer than four fires occurred during the week-end. The first in a house in Kowloon City, on Saturday night, originated in the chimney and soon spread to some straw in a cock-loft. The police and the Fire Brigade made strenuous efforts to prevent the fire from spreading. The extent of damage done is not yet known. The premises are not insured.

At 7.15 p.m., on Sunday, the Fire Brigade received a call to Cochrane Street where they found the chimney of a house ablaze. A couple of hoses soon checked the flames. Only slight damage was done. Another chimney fire broke out in a house near the Western Market at 2.30 a.m. The brigade was again successful in extinguishing the flames before they had time to spread.

Burling joss paper ignited the doorway of a house in Shanghai Street, Yau-mah on Sunday morning. The whole wooden framework was burned to cinders, but the brigade prevented the flames from spreading.

## CRUELTY TO A SLAVE-GIRL. MISTRESS GETS THREE WEEKS' HARD LABOUR.

A Chinese woman, of about sixty, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour, without the option of a fine, by Mr. R. E. Lindsay, at the Magistracy, yesterday, on a charge of persistent cruelty towards a girl, who was bought by the defendant for a sum of \$55.

The evidence given by the Superintendent, which the girl was taken by Sub-inspector James Lanigan on Friday, revealed that she was literally covered with bruises. She was suffering from slight abrasions on the right ear, and bruises behind the ear, which were probably caused by a blunt and rough instrument, such as a piece of firewood. There were also three recent bruises on her right cheek, and one on the left. Six circular sores, not completely healed, which showed on the back of the left shoulder, four on the left elbow, and seven on the right elbow might be a Chinese servant girl, thirteen years of age, who had been due to burns which, in the witness's view, formed the recognised Chinese treatment for some forms of sickness. Similar sores showed in profusion on the abdomen, while recent bruises on the back of the wrists and hands were still in the painful stage. A large number of other bruises on both legs and thighs were recent, and others were of earlier occurrence. Marks, as if made by a rattan cane, also showed in front of the left thigh above the knee. The body appeared to have been well-nourished.

Remarkable on the mental condition of the girl, which indicated a tendency to absent-mindedness, Dr. Moore said that the fact that she did not appear to be too bright should have supplied no reason why the defendant, her mistress, should have given her the frequent beatings that her injuries indicated.

The girl, Wong San Thoi, in the witness-box, told her story to the Magistrate. On her parents' death, she was sold to her present mistress for \$55.

The Magistrate: Were you happy with her?—No, I don't want to go back to her.

The Magistrate: You will not have to go back.

Resuming, the girl said that she was continually beaten with a big stick and also with a pair of fire-tongs. She was suffering from stomach trouble, and because she was unable to wash the family linen when in this sick condition, she was beaten, and sometimes kicked. She admitted that the defendant had secured a Chinese medicine man to attend to her, and denied the accusation by the defendant that she stole money from the latter.

The defendant, on being asked to make a statement, proceeded to heap recriminations on the girl's head: "You were sick," she said, addressing the girl, "when I bought you. I had to go to much expense in engaging the five doctors that had been called to see to your condition, and now you would be so ungrateful as to go to the Police and give evidence against me."

The Magistrate: The medical evidence showed that you were always beating her. What right have you got to beat her like that?

The defendant: I did not beat her much.

"You did not beat her much! Look at her face," the Magistrate retorted.

The defendant: She was sick.

The Magistrate: That was no reason for beating her. You should not have beaten her.

A sentence of three weeks' hard labour was then imposed.

## MANAGER LOCKED UP IN OFFICE.

## ALLEGED SERIOUS THREATS.

Six Chinese were charged before Mr. Lindsay at the Magistracy, yesterday, with having obtained \$400 from the manager of an import and export firm in Connaught Road by menace.

Inspector Moore stated that three nights ago 3 employees of the firm, including the accused, locked the complainant in his office and under threats of death forced him to open the safe and give them \$400. They also demanded a further \$7,000 which the manager promised to pay if released.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida, who appeared on behalf of the prosecution to ask for a remand, stated that the accused claimed the money as bonuses, but no agreement had been made when they were engaged.

The Magistrate fixed bail at \$100 for each man.

## WEDDING.

## SMITH-PETERSEN.

The marriage took place, at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday, of Mr. John Sanderson Smith, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and of Miss Annie Bertha Peterson, daughter of Mrs. M. Uschman, and the late Mr. C. W. F. Peterson. The Rev. G. R. Lindsay officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. H. Silling, manager of the Oriental Tobacco Factory, was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Sheila Robinson and Miss Nanette Grey. Mr. S. D. Begg was "best man."

The bride wore a white chamoise dress trimmed with beads and lace, with train embroidered with pearl beads. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids wore pretty dresses of pale green georgette, crepe accordion pleated dresses, trimmed with satin ribbon. They also wore pretty garlands of flowers round their heads and carried dainty baskets of roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Station Hotel. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

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 Strawberry Preserve ..... per glass \$1.50

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 Roquefort " " France ..... " 1.80  
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE

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EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORY & YEAR BOOK OF CHINA.

THE CURRENT EDITION is still on Sale at KELLY & WAUGH, LTD., Hongkong and Shanghai.

Price: \$3. Illustrated. 400 pages. A splendid mailing list. A mine of information. [404]

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

ORGAN RECITAL

MONDAY, Feb. 14th, at 5.30 p.m.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"HANGSANG"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 15th Feb., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 6th, 1921. [406]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "WUGU MARU"

From CHIN WANG TAO.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th Feb. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 22nd Feb., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th Feb. at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION, DODWELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 7th, 1921. 407

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after 14th FEBRUARY, 1921, the HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK will be Open on—

Week days from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon.

A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Hongkong, February 2nd, 1921. 60

FOOTBALL.

GRAND CHARITY MATCH

aid of Kwongtung and North-China Relief Fund.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB GROUND (by kind permission)

SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

THE REST OF THE COLONY

WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1921.

His Excellency Sir Reginald Stubbs will kick off at 4 P.M. sharp.

Enclosure ... .. 50 cents.

Chairs ... .. 50

Grand Stand ... .. 50

Sailors and Soldiers in uniform half price to chairs.

Tickets obtainable at the Gate or from Hon. Secretaries of Football Clubs.

## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

## ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ENTRY forms may now be obtained at the Pavilion. ENTRIES CLOSE on TUESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY. [388]

## NOTICE

THE GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. OF CHINA beg to announce that they are now prepared to undertake ELECTRIC WIRING CONTRACTS. The work will be carried out under the supervision of a competent European, and all wire used will be made by the PIRELLI-GENERAL CABLE WORKS, SOUTHAMPTON. [387]

## NOTICE

WE have just received another consignment of "DUNHILL" PIPES (Standard Brier only). These are splendid Pipes for every day use. Call early to secure one that will suit you.

TABACQUERIA F. LIPINA, Queen's Road Central. [384]

## NOTICE

THE SHARE-HOLDERS of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE are herewith informed that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Frs. 20 per Share will be paid from FEBRUARY 1st, 1921, on presentation of their certificates at the Head Office, in Paris, and at any of its Agencies. Hongkong, January 20th, 1921. [378]

## HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will be held in the CITY HALL on FRIDAY, Feb. 11th, at Noon.

K. E. A. CAVALIER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4th, 1921. [398]

## UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1920.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 17th FEBRUARY, 1921, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [375]

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on SATURDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1920.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th February to the 21st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, January 31st, 1921. [343]

## THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

## THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11.0 A.M. in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1920 and declaring a Dividend.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, 1921, until TUESDAY, the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1921, both days inclusive.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hongkong, February 2nd, 1921. 376

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 26th day of FEBRUARY, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY to SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1921 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 7th, 1921. [400]

## THE INDU-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

## THE Directors of the above Company have

declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND on Deferred Shares for the year 1920, at the rate of 6/- per Share.

Dividends for Shareholders on the Colonial Register are free of Income Tax and will be paid at the rate of 2/10 per dollar.

Dividend Warrants will be obtainable on and after SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1921, at the Company's Office.

TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from February 19th, to February 26th, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Jns., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 24th, 1921. [315]

## PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS.

Letters are lying at this Office for Messrs P. O. AD. AP. AW. BP. BO. BE.

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 8th, 1921.

## CHINA NEW YEAR.

As each China New Year comes round and we see the high importance the Chinese people attach to the festival, it is amusing to cast our thoughts back to just over nine years ago when the Dynasty was overthrown and a Republican Government came into power to revolutionise the national life of China in all its aspects. To mark the complete separation from the past, the Republican Government decreed the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, so as to bring China's method of calculating time into agreement with that which prevails throughout the wide world with but few exceptions, such as among the Russians, the Jews and the Mohammedans. In official circles in China the decree is observed, notably in the capital and in Canton, the birthplace of the revolution and now the seat of the so-called Government which exists in opposition to the Government at Peking. To a limited extent the First of January is also observed by large business establishments in those two cities and, indeed, in all the Treaty ports of China; but it has meant for the officials and the few others who pay any regard to the Republican decree, merely another holiday for those who can afford to take it. In the social and the general business life of the nation the lunar year continues to be observed as religiously as ever.

As everybody knows, even the Chinese Government is unable to disregard the China New Year by lunar reckoning in connection with the time-honoured practice of financial settlements, which is so

inextricably bound up with the general arrangements for celebrating the great national festival. Since the inauguration of the Republican regime indeed we have heard more of the financial embarrassments of the Government as China New Year approached than we did under the Monarchy. Every year we are told that unless the empty Treasury vaults can be replenished by loans from somebody or other for the China New Year settlement, the Government will utterly collapse and the result will be anarchy in China. It is but one of the many evidences of the strength of the attachment in China to ancient customs associated with lunar year reckonings.

According to recent reports from Peking there were obligations totalling \$50,000,000 to be met before China New Year, and only about four millions from the Customs were in sight to meet these liabilities. The Ministry of Finance had been seeking loans from various sources, but the only people ready to lend were native bankers who demanded interest at something like twenty per cent. We suppose the Government has had to accept the best offer it could get, as the latest reports are to the effect that the Government saw its way to "hide over its difficulties without financial chaos." In the same way China New Year has added to the difficulties of the Government at Canton and doubtless prompted the ill-advised attempt to control the Customs Service in the province. Something has been done to relieve the situation, we suppose, by the raising of the injunction which had restrained Dr. Wu Ting Fang from withdrawing public funds deposited in foreign banks in his name; but we learn that the Government has had to resort to something like highway robbery to get money from the merchant firms for the purpose of meeting the obligations which are recognised as due to be paid before the dawn of a new year by the lunar reckoning. It appears that the Seventy-two Guilds some time ago promised to raise a million dollars for the Government, but owing to "poor business" only about three lakhs of this amount were forthcoming. The Government insisted on the full amount and the story is that bailiffs were sent to the various firms to demand it and ordered to remain until it was paid. In this way are Governments in China, and the public generally, reminded that China New Year by the lunar reckoning is of far more importance in the life of the nation than the beginning of a year by the Western calendar.

The year that has just closed is not one that Chinese business men can look back upon with much pleasure or satisfaction. Business in many of its most important branches has been stagnant, and the sudden heavy fall in exchange has served to make matters worse. In these circumstances many business failures were expected with the approach of China New Year. Happily these fears do not appear to have materialised to any great extent in South China. We have heard of none in Hongkong of any serious importance, and we trust the Settlement has been generally negotiated in China with the same success. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," as the poet says; and the dawn of a new year is always an occasion when every human breast throbs with hopes of happy days. In business circles the hope is for a speedy revival of trade, a hope in which Governments must fully share. In the case of the Government at Canton we shall be expressing a wide-spread sentiment when we say that this hope will stand a better chance of fulfilment if the powers that be at Canton will couple with it a resolution to take without delay the necessary measures to suppress the piracy which is so rife at the present time in the Canton Delta, to which a good deal of the stagnation of trade in this part of China is attributable.

Owing to the holiday to-day there will be no issue of the Hongkong Daily Press to-morrow.

The first steamer to reach Tientsin this year was the Kailan Mining Administration's steamer Kwanping, which reached the Bund at 10 a.m. on January 22th.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 22nd, amounted to 45,867 tons, and the sales during the period to 75,039 tons.

The Grand Hotel at Yokohama has just paid a dividend of 5 yen per share for the half year ended December 31st absorbing yen 25,000; placed yen 25,000 to reserve, and carried forward yen 10,364.

Mr. H. C. Sandford has been appointed Acting Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Hankow.

Vincent W. Dawson, third officer of the B.I. s.s. *Takada*, has been committed for trial at the Supreme Court, Shanghai, on a charge of shooting at a Chinese policeman with a revolver with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Mr. E. E. Deacon, who has been sub-manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Yokohama, has been appointed manager of the Kobe branch of the Bank, succeeding Mr. J. McArthur, who is being transferred to Hongkong.

A Chinese on his way from America, who made the usual plea of ignorance, was fined \$100 by Mr. Lindsell, yesterday, for having in his possession a Winchester rifle, a revolver, and 600 rounds of ammunition. The arms and ammunition were confiscated.

The collection for Queen Mary's Home for Training Disabled men, taken at the War Memorial service at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, January 30th, amounted to \$841.15. On Church Missionary Sunday the collection (for the C.M.S.) was \$468.6.

News has reached Japan of the death in London, after an operation, of Mr. H. E. Green, formerly manager of the Kobe branch of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. Since 1917 he has been connected with the firm of Childs & Joseph, of New York. He married Miss Blanche Abell, of Kobe.

The decline in trade last year, says the *Shanghai Gazette*, has taxed the local godowns to their full capacity and the storage bill for 1920 was a very heavy one. A big new warehouse has now been planned and the capital will be furnished by a group of British and American firms. It is stated that orders have been sent to Europe for the internal steel structure of the building. The exterior will be built with iron sheets.

The following interesting item is extracted from a news letter issued by a Chinese news agency. "Latest advices from Hsianfu indicate that, owing to the fine receipts from the cultivation of opium crops, General Shu-fan and General Liu Chen-hua, Civil Governor, are in serious dispute. The two Anfu leaders will probably come to blows unless they can divide the opium receipts equally between them."

## ORGAN RECITAL.

After a long interval Mr. Denman Fuller will resume his organ recitals and the first of a new series will be given in St. John's Cathedral on Monday next, at 5.30 p.m. The cessation has been due to the fact that for four months the Cathedral Organ has been undergoing very extensive repairs and improvements. During that period pneumatic action has been put in throughout the instrument, with the exception of a small part of the Great, and this has made possible the introduction of six extra couplers which increase the possibilities of the organ beyond a degree which can be understood by those not versed in such matters. The improvement in the touch also renders it possible to now play pieces before impossible and the range of effects now available is in marked contrast to the limitations which were in such a large instrument so marked. The tuba which will be used at this recital for the first time completes a tonal scheme which has taken fourteen years of unremitting labour to carry out and the results of this addition and of the pneumatic action will entirely eclipse any of the great number of improvements made during the long period Mr. Denman Fuller has been organist of this Cathedral.

## MEROVA-PODOLSKY RECITAL.

Of the pieces submitted by Leo Podolsky last evening at the Theatre Royal, two by Chopin, the "Berceuse" and "Polonaise Fis-moll," stood out very prominently and stamp Podolsky as an understanding interpreter of the Master. Both are contrasts, one needing careful phrasing to bring out the beauties of the picture it is intended to represent, the other, practically an octave study, demanding superb technique. Podolsky was eminently successful and makes piano playing seem to be easy of execution. Opening with an "Aria" by Grieg, selections from Rachmaninoff, Cyril Scott, and Debussy, were given and listened to with rapt attention.

It is difficult to do adequate justice to the art of Vera Mirova as a danseuse. In the sprightly "Mazurka" she gave a splendid rendition of the moods of a young bride in the village dance. In direct contrast was Rubinstein's "Romance" and Gillet's "L'Africaine" and Franchetti's "Egyptian Dance." It needed no effort of the imagination to comprehend what was being portrayed and the pleasure which her efforts gave called for warm and unstinted applause. The number of the audience was not in keeping with the standing of these two exponents of classical music and dancing.



















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